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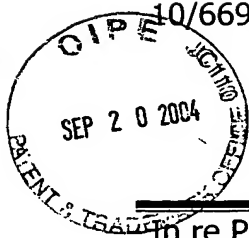
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF  
ALLOCATING MINIMUM AND  
MAXIMUM BANDWIDTHS ON A BUS-  
BASED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
WITH REDUNDANT COMMUNICATION  
CIRCUITS

Group Art Unit: 2181

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 2 of this paper;  
and

**Remarks** which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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